



St Mary's Bungendore  
 St Joseph's Gundaroo  
 St Peter & Paul's Hoskinstown  
 St Joseph's Tarago  
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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**26th March, 2023**

**BUNGENDORE PARISH TEAM**

Fr Mick Burke is the Administrator of Bungendore and Braidwood. Fr Mick is residing in the Bungendore presbytery.

**Baptisms:** Baptisms will be on Saturdays at 10:30 am. Please email or ring the parish office to arrange a baptism.

**Weddings:** Please contact Parish office; at least six months notice required.

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**Secretary-** Julie-Ann

**Office Open:** - Wednesday - 10:30am - 5:00pm

Thursday—9:00am—3:30pm

**BUNGENDORE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Helen Jewell (Chairperson)  
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 Fr. Mick Burke (ex-officio)

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**BUNGENDORE, BRAIDWOOD and REGION MASS TIMES**

**Bungendore:** Sunday 8.30am; **Weekday Mass:** Wednesday 9am **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 9-9.30am

**Braidwood:** Saturday 6.00pm **Weekday Mass:** Tuesday 10.00am **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 5-5.15pm

**Hoskinstown:** Four times a year—1st Sunday Feb, May, Aug & Nov 10:30am

**Gundaroo:** 2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30am

**Tarago:** TBA

**Krawarree:** 5th Sunday 11.00am

Third Sundays will be shared between extra Masses at either Braidwood or Bungendore for First Communion / Confirmation or Mass at either Araluen or Nerriga.



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Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations.*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



The Parish of St Mary's, Bungendore acknowledges the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for many thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

### Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

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### First reading

Ez 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

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### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** *With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. **(R.)**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

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### Second reading

Rom 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is

because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

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### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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### Gospel

Jn 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you love is ill.’ On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.’

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea.’ The disciples said, ‘Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?’ Jesus replied:

‘Are there not twelve hours in the day?  
A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling  
because he has the light of this world to see by;  
but if he walks at night he stumbles,  
because there is no light to guide him.’

He said that and then added, ‘Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.’ The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by ‘rest’ he meant ‘sleep’, so Jesus put it plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.’ Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, ‘Let us go too, and die with him.’

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my

brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.  
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.  
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came

straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

**Please pray for:-** Lauren Horton, Frank Shugg, Margaret Mikkelsen, Erwin Feeken, Maureen Boss, Sheather family, Doris and Roger Cutbill, Diana Robertson, Luke Alam, Bob Angel, Patrick Elwood, Peter Gagliardi, Annie Nikolaou, Jack Sealey, Magdalen Sillis, Stewart Briggs, Ed Cory, Cassandra Mallia, Russell Taylor, Bob Yates, Ann Reardon, Mary Coombe, Wayne Smith, Karen Toscan, Pam Finch, Bob Fletcher, Rene Mallia, Kaye Moore, Trish McRoberts, Ken & Cathy Vine and Pamela Fogg.

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:-** Donn Oates, Norma Greenlees, Laurie Isabella Sillis, Ambrose Joseph Reid, George Winter, John Burns, Leonora Mary Donoghoe & Lucy Ryan

**Church Cleaning Thanks!**

**March: Penny Ford & Helen Jewell**

**April: Sarah Darmody & Christine Allard**



**Plaques for Memorial Wall**

We are now taking orders for plaques for the memorial wall.

Please contact the office for more details.

The above format will be the one used.



**Liturgical Roster**

**Sunday : 26th March 2023 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: Ian Buckley & Thomas Konarski**

**R1; R2: Sue & Geoff Orchison**

**Offertory: J Amey & H Jewell**

**Welcomer:**

**Sunday : 2nd April 2023 8:30 am**

**Minister of the Altar: Anna Melek**

**R1; R2: Alison & David Bishop**

**Offertory:**

**Welcomer:**

## Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me  
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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*Welcome to Chloé de Silva and  
her parents Clare & David de Silva*

*Welcome to Paisley & Emerson  
Darmody and  
her parents Lara & James Darmody*

*Chloé, Paisley & Emerson were baptised  
here on Saturday!*

## Reflection

As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation. The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities.

All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness. Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God.

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## For direct credit payments to the Parish:

BSB: 062-786 ACC: 00014851

NAME: St Mary's Parish Bungendore

Reference: NAME

## Bank Account for Fr. Mick's Timor L'Este project

This is the account for donating to Fr Mick's Timor L'Este project. BSB 062786 . A/C 000028521 ref. Timor donation

## *Dates for your Diary*

**Monday 3rd Apr**—Chrism Mass 5PM CATHEDRAL

**Tuesday 4th Apr** - Braidwood Anointing Mass 10AM

**Wednesday 5th Apr**- Bungendore Anointing Mass 9AM

**Thursday 6th Apr**—Mass of Lord's Supper 7PM

**Friday 7th Apr**— Good Friday 3PM

**Saturday 8th**—Vigil Mass 6PM

**Sunday 9th**—Bungendore **8.30AM** Gundaroo **10.30AM**

**Sunday 16th Apr**—Social Sunday morning tea

**Friday 26th May**—Pot Luck Dinner in the Hall

**Wednesday Mass & Cuppa** - 9am Mass then join us as we share afterward at local café.

**Fridays @ St Mary's**—9am PRAY FOR PEACE Rosary & Reflection



## *Father Mick!*

*Thank you for your dedicated service to us and the Archdiocese. You are a humble servant. May God's blessing continue to be with you and may His words continue to move you from strength to strength.*

*Wishing you a fabulous day of celebrating and many more birthdays to come.*